

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application papers filed 10/29/04 & 09/06/06 and the interview on 09/20/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 141-150.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10-24-2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20060920
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Doug Hanscom (reg. no. 26,600) on September 20, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In line 4 of paragraph [014], the term "form" was deleted and replaced with --from--.

In line 5 of paragraph [014], the term "distance" was deleted and replaced with --distant--.

In line 11 of paragraph [042], the term "length" was deleted and replaced with --width--.

In line 16 of paragraph [042], the term --66-- was inserted after "bracket".

The above changes to the specification were made to clear up minor typographical errors and to provide a description of reference numeral 66 shown in Figure 7.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 76-140 have been canceled as being drawn to the non-elected invention, non-elected **without** traverse in the reply received September 6, 2006.

In claim 141, line 2, after “including:” the following language was inserted:

--providing a dressing storage device;

positioning said dressing storage device adjacent the cylinder;--

In claim 141, line 3, the term “position” was deleted and replaced with --assembly in said dressing storage device--.

In claim 141, line 4, the term “position” was deleted and replaced with --assembly in said dressing storage device--.

In claim 141, line 5, the phrase “positions vertically” was deleted and replaced with --assemblies-- and the term --vertically-- was inserted after “spaced”.

In claim 141, line 6, the phrase --in said dressing storage device-- was inserted after “other”.

In claim 141, line 7, a comma --,-- was inserted after “dressings” and the term --sequentially-- was inserted after “supplied”.

In claim 141, line 8, the phrase --from said dressing storage device-- was inserted after “cylinder”.

In claim 141, line 9 was deleted in its entirety.

In claim 141, line 10, the phrase --to be supplied sequentially to the cylinder-- was inserted after “dressings”, the term --and-- was inserted after “length”, and the phrase --in said dressing storage device-- was inserted after “other”.

In claim 141, line 11, the term --initially-- was inserted before “changing” and the term “dressing” was deleted and replaced with --of said dressings--.

In claim 141, line 12, the term --dressing-- was inserted before “storage” (both first and second occurrences), the term “positions” (first occurrence) was deleted and replaced with --assemblies--, and the term “positions” (second occurrence) was deleted and replaced with the phrase --assemblies in said dressing storage device--.

In claim 141, line 13, the term --subsequently-- was inserted before “supplying”, the phrase --at least one-- was inserted before “dressing”, and the phrase “storage position” was deleted and replaced with --dressing storage assembly of said dressing storage device--.

In claim 142, line 1, the phrase --at least one-- was inserted before “dressing”.

In claim 142, line 2, the term “position” was deleted and replaced with --assembly--.

In claim 143, line 2, the term “a” (second occurrence) was deleted and replaced with --said at least one--.

In claim 143, line 3, the term “position” was deleted and replaced with --assembly--.

In claim 144, line 1, the term --supplying-- was inserted before “plural”.

In claim 144, line 2, the phrase “on top of each other” was deleted and replaced with --in said first and second dressing storage assemblies--.

In claim 145, line 1, the phrase “stacks of said” was deleted and replaced with the phrase --of said dressing storage devices side-by-side in an axial direction of the cylinder--.

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In claim 145, line 2, the phrase “dressings on top of each other” was deleted.

In claim 145, line 3, the term “an” was deleted and replaced with --the--.

In claim 149, line 2, the term “chamber” was deleted and replaced with --assembly--.

The above changes to claim 141 were made to more particularly define the storage device and assemblies and the movement of the dressing from one assembly to the other to better differentiate from the teachings of the prior art, such as Rombult et al. (US 5,992,324), Otsuji (US 6,341,932 B1), and Narui (US 6,644,191 B2) which teach plate storage devices which are movable between upper and lower storage positions.

Additional claim changes were made to clear up other minor informalities and insure the claim language was consistent throughout, as well as clear and concise.

IN THE TITLE:

Please note the title of the invention has been changed by the Examiner to the following to more accurately reflect the claimed invention:

--METHOD FOR SUPPLYING DRESSINGS TO A CYLINDER OF A PRINTING MACHINE--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The two occurrences of reference numeral 8 in Figure 3 should be underlined since they appear to be designating the groove of the cylinder as shown in cross-section.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 141 in particular, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a method for supplying dressing to a cylinder of a printing press including all of the method steps as recited, in combination with and particularly including, providing vertically spaced apart first and second dressing storage assemblies arranged in a dressing storage device and initially changing a position of at least one of the dressings from a vertically upper one of the storage assemblies to a vertically lower one of the storage assemblies and subsequently supplying the at least one dressing to the cylinder from the vertically lower dressing storage assembly of the dressing storage device. The prior art shown, for example, in each of Rombult et al., Otsuji, and Narui fail to teach or fairly suggest the method as recited since these references do not include changing a position of one of the dressings from the upper storage assembly to the lower storage assembly as now defined by the claim language.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 8:00 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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